



EQUESTRIAN SPORTS
NEW ZEALAND

EQUESTRIAN SPORTS NZ ADVICE DURING COVID-19 ALERT LEVEL 2 – FOR THE REST OF NZ

IMPORTANT TO NOTE

Please note that Equestrian Sports New Zealand (ESNZ) is not an expert on pandemics and as such all [New Zealand Government](#) and [Ministry of Health](#) information, guidelines and directives supersede this information. This document has been put together by Equestrian Sports NZ, with the purpose of informing our equestrian community how we are responding to Covid-19, and to provide recommendations for what we believe is the best course of action for all equestrian area groups/clubs, facilities, officials and members.

This document will change frequently, and we will make sure the most up to date is dated and on the website. We will monitor the government Alert Levels as we move back up or down the level, and if there is more flexibility for activities such as equestrian, we will be sure to update these recommendations in line with government advice.

All equestrian area groups/clubs need to consider their own situations at any given time. An area group/club's decision on whether to allow training or competition needs to be based on the situation in your local area at the time. The Government has released [Alert Levels](#) which can differ by region at any one time, so the location of your area group/club could be under specific direction of the Government.

IS YOUR AREA GROUP/CLUB OR ORGANISING COMMITTEE PLANNING ON HOLDING AN EVENT?

If your Area Group/Club or Organising Committee is holding an event, this includes training or practice days, it must meet all of the Level 2 requirements, such as:

- **Gatherings**
 - Equestrian Sports NZ events are subject to gathering requirements and have a 100-person limit which includes all riders, officials and spectators.
 - Physical distancing of 1metre should be practiced. Where this level of physical distancing is not possible, face masks should be worn.
 - Multiple gatherings can take place at the same event or facility, as long as each gathering can be isolated / separated.
 - Phasing of activities can be implemented to allow time for event participants and supporters to safely pass through communal areas and to manage multiple gatherings if this option is utilised.
- **Contact Tracing** – a system to record and retain the contact details of all people involved in or attending your activity must be in place. This information must remain accessible on request for up to eight weeks after the event
- **Cleaning and Hygiene** – Robust hygiene measures, particularly regular washing and drying of hands by all participants must be undertaken, and hand sanitizer made available at convenient locations throughout the venue. Regular sanitizing of equipment and surfaces must be undertaken. As a guideline this should take place at the beginning of the event and approximately every two hours every for the duration of the event, and again at the end.

If you are unsure about any of the requirements or wish to discuss your event plans, please contact your Discipline Sport Manager who can assist you. Sport Manager contacts can be found on the ESNZ website:

<https://www.nzequestrian.org.nz/esnz/about-esnz/our-people/esnz-team/>

LEVEL 2 TOOLKIT

A level 2 toolkit is available to assist Area Groups/Clubs and Organising Committees with navigating Level 2 requirements and can be found on the ESNZ website: <https://www.nzequestrian.org.nz/level-2-tool-kit/>

LEVEL 2 CHECKLIST

If you are unsure if your Area Group/Club or Organising Committee can meet Level 2 requirements, our Level 2 checklist may be of assistance in determining if you are prepared and ready to hold an event. The checklist can be found in the Level 2 Toolkit.

LEVEL TWO PLANNING

Should your area group/club or organising committee be willing and able to allow training or competition, it may consider some of the following measures so social distancing is practiced.

- Contact tracing is imperative so you will need a system to log all those at the premises at any time. Contact tracing information, recommendations and templates for this can be found on the ESNZ website.
- Offering staggered training or start times.
- All competitors must enter and pay online.
- Consider not allowing changes to entries on the day – any changes must be done online the day before at a certain time. No exceptions to the rule.
- Online booking system for training and use of grounds/facility.
- Spacing out stabling and spacing out parking for horse trucks/floats.
- Posting or emailing out rider packs, back numbers to avoid queue in the secretary office.
- All events will need to be draw order only.

The following information may assist with determining what equestrian activity may be possible under Alert Level two, but Equestrian Sports NZ reiterate it is up to individual area groups/clubs to make decisions, based upon their own circumstances and applicable Government directives.

OTHER USEFUL LINKS AND RESOURCES

- [Government Alert System](#)
- [MPI Alert System and information for animal welfare](#)
- [Sport New Zealand Alert System](#)
- [High Performance Sport NZ Alert System](#)
- [ESNZ Covid19 Updates](#)
- [Covid19 posters and social media images](#)
- Online Entry Providers
 - [Equestrian Entries](#)
 - [Main-Events](#)
- [Level 2 Toolkit](#)

All of these links can also be found on the ESNZ website under our Covid19 updates page.

Alert Level 2	Range of Government Measures <i>(can be applied locally or nationally)</i>	Equestrian Sports NZ Measures Undertaken	Equestrian Sports NZ Recommendations for Area Groups/Clubs	Equestrian Sports NZ Recommendations for National Equestrian Centres <i>(Christchurch & Taupo)</i>	Equestrian Sports NZ Recommendations for ESNZ Members and Equestrian Community
<p>Reduce</p> <p>The disease is contained, but the risk of community transmission remains.</p> <p>Risk Assessment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Limited community transmission could be occurring. Active clusters in more than one region. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> People can connect with friends and family, and socialise in groups of up to 100, go shopping, or travel domestically, if following public health guidance. Keep physical distancing of 2 metres from people you do not know when out in public or in retail stores. Keep 1 metre physical distancing in controlled environments like workplaces, where practicable. People 7 years old and older may consider wearing a face covering when physical distancing cannot be maintained. Face coverings required on public transport. No more than 100 people at gatherings, including weddings, birthdays and funerals and tangihanga. There are extra restrictions for Auckland. Businesses can open to the public if following public health guidance including physical distancing and record keeping. Alternative ways of working encouraged where possible. Hospitality businesses must keep groups of customers separated, seated, and served by a single person. Maximum of 100 people at a time. All businesses must display an NZ COVID Tracer QR code for each business location. Sport and recreation activities are allowed, subject to conditions on gatherings, record keeping, and physical distancing where practical. Public venues such as museums, libraries and pools can open if they comply with public health measures and ensure 1 metre physical distancing and record keeping. Event facilities, including cinemas, stadiums, concert venues and casinos can have more than 100 people at a time, provided that there are no more than 100 in a defined space, and the groups do not mix. It is safe to send your children to schools, early learning services and tertiary education. There will be appropriate measures in place. People at higher-risk of severe illness from COVID-19 such as those with underlying medical conditions, especially if not well-controlled, and seniors are encouraged to take additional precautions when leaving home. They may work, if they agree with their employer that they can do so safely. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The ESNZ office is open with appropriate measures in place for Staff. All ESNZ High Performance, Performance or Squad trainings are allowed to take place if conditions on gatherings are met. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> limited a maximum of 100 people (either indoors or outdoors). This includes support staff, squad riders, and coaches. Physical distancing and contact tracing requirements are met. Equestrian competitions/rides are allowed to take place if conditions on gatherings are met. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gatherings, where people cannot physically distance, must be limited to a maximum of 100 people (either indoors or outdoors). This includes all riders, officials, grooms and spectators. Multiple gatherings can take place at the same event or facility, as long as they can be kept separated. Phasing of activities could be used to allow time for people to pass through communal areas safely. For smaller venues a reduced capacity may be more appropriate to maintain physical distancing. Must have a register of who was there and maintain physical distancing where possible. Meetings, workshops or events are allowed to take place but must be limited to a maximum of 100 people (either indoors or outdoors). However, multiple gatherings can take place at the same event or facility, as long as they can be kept separated. Physical distancing and contact tracing requirements must be met. Limited domestic travel or staying in hotels (outside of local area) for ESNZ staff and athletes. No international travel for ESNZ Staff and athletes. Officials may choose to officiate, however should not feel under any obligation to do so. Those officials at high risk of severe illness (those with existing medical conditions and older officials) are encouraged to stay at home. 	<p>Area groups/clubs allowed to offer competitions/rides subject to the range of public health measures outlined below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gatherings, where people cannot physically distance, must be limited to a maximum of 100 people (either indoors or outdoors). This includes all riders, officials, grooms and spectators. Multiple gatherings can take place at the same event or facility, as long as they can be kept separated. Phasing of activities could be used to allow time for people to pass through communal areas safely. For smaller venues a reduced capacity may be more appropriate to maintain physical distancing. Record the contact information and time of all people accessing the facility or grounds. Surfaces and equipment must be regularly cleaned and disinfected where practicable. Good personal hygiene practices should continue – wash and dry your hands before and after activities, cough into elbow and don't touch your face. Ensure your facility has extensive signage and information regarding precautions for managing COVID-19. Ensure your facility has an up to date cleaning schedule and adequate provisions to facilitate good hygiene practices. Especially changing/bathrooms and stable facilities where practical. Physical distancing of 2 metres should be maintained wherever possible, especially from people that you don't know. Officials/Volunteers at high risk of severe illness from COVID-19 (particularly older people and those with existing medical conditions) should take additional precautions when undertaking physical activity. Do not put undue stress on Officials/Volunteers to assist with your competition/ride if they don't feel comfortable. They may choose to officiate. Ensure that Staff/Officials/Volunteers have access to PPE (hand sanitizer (compulsory), masks (recommended) and gloves (optional)). Ensure that Staff, Officials and Volunteers are properly briefed on all information regarding precautions for managing COVID-19. Overnight camping is allowed for Equestrian Competitions/rides as long as conditions on gatherings, contact tracing requirements and physical distancing are met. Food vendors allowed if physical distancing and contact tracing requirements can be met. Area Group/Club/OC meetings are allowed to take place but must be limited to a maximum of 100 people, 10 people in Auckland (either indoors or outdoors). Physical distancing and contact tracing requirements must be met. The key message is to follow public health guidelines on physical distancing and personal hygiene. If you are having club events, consider limiting numbers to ensure physical distancing can take place, take extra care on cleaning surfaces and when preparing food to minimise risks. Now is not the time to have a large club prizegiving or event, think about keeping things simple. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The National Equestrian Centres are open with appropriate measures in place for visiting customers. Gatherings, where people cannot physically distance, must be limited to a maximum of 100 people (either indoors or outdoors). This includes all riders, officials, grooms and spectators. Multiple gatherings can take place at the same event or facility, as long as they can be kept separated. Phasing of activities could be used to allow time for people to pass through communal areas safely. Record the contact information and time of all people accessing the facility or grounds. Overnight camping is allowed as long conditions on gatherings, contact tracing requirements and physical distancing are met. There will not NO overnight camping for one day shows – you will need to arrive and leave on same day. Officials may choose to officiate, however should not feel under any obligation to do so. Those officials at high risk of severe illness (those with existing medical conditions and older officials) are encouraged to stay at home. Ensure that Staff/Officials/Volunteers have access to PPE (hand sanitizer (compulsory), masks (recommended) and gloves (optional)). Ensure NEC has extensive signage and information regarding precautions for managing COVID-19. Ensure NEC has an up to date cleaning schedule and adequate provisions to facilitate good hygiene practices. Especially changing/bathrooms and stable facilities where practical. POP campers will be allowed to stay onsite under level 2 restrictions as long as limited to a maximum of 100 people. However, Multiple gatherings can take place at the same event or facility, as long as they can be kept separated. Physical distancing and contact tracing requirements must be met. Food vendors allowed if physical distancing and contact tracing can be met. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participating in equestrian sport activities is allowed, if conditions on gatherings are met, physical distancing is followed, and you follow good personal health measures while travelling. If you are unwell or have COVID-19 symptoms you must stay home and be tested for Covid 19. All Riding Schools and Equestrian Centres are open with appropriate measures in place. Indoor and outdoor facilities will need to limit entry (100 people per gathering). However, multiple gatherings can take place at the same event or facility, as long as they can be kept separated. For smaller riding schools and Equestrian Centres a lower maximum number may be necessary to maintain physical distancing. If your horse is grazing outside of your property, remember to maintain good personal hygiene practices such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wash hands before and after. Physical distancing of 2 metres should be maintained wherever possible, especially from people that you don't know. Use own grooming kit, tack and equipment. Set up/maintain a roster or facebook group for grazing. Comply with all rules set out by the landowner. Veterinary clinics can operate, as long as public health measures are followed, however, do not take your animal to a veterinary clinic until you have contacted your veterinarian. Farriers can operate, as long as public health measures are followed. Horse-riding lessons can take place as long as public health measures are followed. Any group lessons are restricted to a maximum of 100 people (both indoor and outdoor facilities). Coaches and trainers will need a Covid worksafe plan. Horse care services/professionals (including clippers, saddle fitters, dentistry, chiropractors etc) - can operate, as long as public health measures are followed.